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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TSANG ET AL.

Examiner

Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 17 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed 30 October 2003 has been received. Claims 6-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-18 have been added. Claims 1-5, 17 and 18 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 6-16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper No. 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification fails to provide an adequate written description of the invention and fails to provide an enabling disclosure, because the specification does not provide evidence that the claimed biological materials are: (1) known and readily available to the public; (2) reproducible from the written description; or, (3) deposited in compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR " 1.801-1.809."

The specification lacks complete deposit information for the monoclonal antibody deposited as CRL-12604. Because it is not clear that the monoclonal antibody possessing the properties of the designated antibody is known and publicly available or can be reproducibly

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isolated without undue experimentation, and because the invention of claim 5 claims the monoclonal antibody, a suitable deposit for patent purposes is required. Accordingly, filing of evidence of the reproducible production of the cell lines and antibodies necessary to practice the instant invention or filing of evidence of deposit is required. Without a publicly available deposit of the above monoclonal antibody, one of ordinary skill in the art could not be assured of the ability to practice the invention as claimed. Exact replication of the cell lines is an unpredictable event. Applicants must comply with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 1.801-1.809.

If the deposit was made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, then an affidavit or declaration by Applicant, or a statement by an attorney of record over his or her signature and registration number, stating that the specific cell lines have been deposited under the Budapest Treaty, that the cell lines will be irrevocably and without restriction or condition released to the public upon the issuance of a patent and that the cell lines will be replaced should they ever become non-viable, would satisfy the deposit requirement made herein.

If the deposits have not been made under the Budapest Treaty, then in order to certify that the deposits meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 1.801-1.809, applicant may provide assurance of compliance by an affidavit or declaration, or by a statement by an attorney of record over his or her signature and registration number, showing that:

1. during the pendency of this application, access to the invention will be afforded to the Commissioner upon request;
2. all restrictions upon availability to the public will be irrevocably removed upon granting of the patent;
3. the deposits will be maintained in a public depository for a period of 30 years or 5 years after the last request or for the effective life of the patent, whichever is longer;
4. the deposits were viable at the time of deposit; and,
5. that the deposits will be replaced if they should ever become non-viable.

5. In the instant case, it is not clear that the deposit was made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, nor is there available a viability statement, i.e. one certifying that the deposit was viable at the time of the deposit or a certificate verifying such from the depository. The specification also lacks a complete address of the depository.

As a possible means for completing the record, applicant may submit a copy of the contract with the depository for deposit and maintenance of each deposit along with the necessary statements in order to meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 1.801-1.809.

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Applicant's attention is directed to *In re Lundak*, 773 F.2d. 1216, 227 USPQ 90 (CAFC 1985) and 37 CFR 1.801-1.809 for further information concerning deposit practice.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 17 and 18 are indefinite because it does not further define the composition of claim 1. Claims 17 and 18 are directed to characteristics of the antigen which antigen is not claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Farrington et al., *Veterinary Parasitology*. 1995. Vol. 60, No. 1-2, pp. 7-16.

Farrington discloses a method for detecting soluble antigen using monoclonal antibody against *C. Parvum* oocysts. See page 9.

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9. Claims 1, 3, 4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Moss et al., *Am. J. Trop. Med. Hyg.* Vol. 49, No. 3, 1993, pp. 393-401.

Moss discloses rabbit antiserum against soluble proteins from *C. Parvum* oocysts. See pages 394, 396 and lane D of Figure 2.

10. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Perryman et al (WO 98/07320).

Perryman discloses antibodies specific to *c. parvum* sporozoites. See pages 13 and 14.

11. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Petersen et al., *Infection and Immunity*. 1992. Vol. 60, No. 12, pp. 5132-5138.

Petersen discloses monoclonal antibodies to a soluble *C. parvum* sporozoite glycoprotein. See pages 5133-5137.

12. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Riggs et al (WO 97/36612).

Riggs discloses compositions comprising monoclonal antibodies to *C. parvum* sporozoite. See pages 4-6.

13. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Tilley et al., *FEMS Microbiology Letters*. 1993. Vol. 113, No. 2, pp. 235-240.

Tilley discloses monoclonal antibodies that bind sporozoite surface and apical complex antigens. See pages 236, 273 and Table 1.

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Allowable Subject Matter

14. Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record fails to disclose the monoclonal antibody CRL-12604.

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0824. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on (703) 305-3399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


Bao-Thuy Nguyen
Primary Examiner
13 January 2004